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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 30, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued May 30, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 30, 2002 Final Office Action is due August 30, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 222 as follows:

-222. (Four Times Amended) A process of obtaining a composition which comprises:

- (a) obtaining a chemical compound;
- (b) determining whether the chemical compound binds to a soluble polypeptide by the process of any of claim 224, 209, 225, 226, 214 or 227; and

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